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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN GROUND STATION

REF: A) STATE 82385; B) CARACAS 4171

1. DR. MARIANO TIRADO CHIEF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, FOREIGN MINISTRY, CALLED EMBASSY MAY 17 TO EXPRESS MINISTRY'S DISAGREEMENT WITH PROCEDURE FOR SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BASING OBJECTIONS SOLELY ON LEGAL POINTS, WITHOUT SLIGHTEST WISH TO OBJECT TO CONTENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY, VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS ONLY ABLE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS WHICH ALSO EXIST IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE. FURTHERMORE, MINISTRY FEELS THAT DOCUMENT CONTAINING ANY TYPE OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER, WHILE THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO SIMULTANEOUS SIGNATURE BY ANY OTHER CABINET MINISTER, IN THIS CASE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. HOWEVER, MINISTRY FEELS THAT, WHILE OF COURSE THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO SIGNATURE BY NASA ADMINISTRATOR, DOCUMENT SHOULD ALSO BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED COUNTERPART TO FOREIGN MINISTER, SUCH AS THE AMBASSADOR.

3. MINISTRY THUS SUGGEST FOLLOWING PROCEDURE: VENEZUELAN  
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GOVERNMENT WILL TRANSLATE DOCUMENT INTO SPANISH AND TRANSMIT

TRANSLATION TO NASA VIA EMBASSY. UPON RECEIVING SPANISH-  
LANGUAGE VERSION SIGNED BY NASA ADMINISTRATOR, FINAL SIGNATURE  
WILL BE MADE BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PUBLIC  
WORKS ON VENEZUELAN SIDE AND AMBASSADOR ON OUR SIDE, IF USG  
SO WISHES.

4. THESE VIEWS WERE GIVEN TO EMBASSY IN INFORMAL FASHION AND  
IN NO WAY CONSTITUTE FINAL VENEZUELAN DECISION. TRANSPORTATION AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHIEF FOREIGN MINISTRY ONLY WISHED TO  
REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED FEELINGS IN  
THIS RESPECT, AND FURTHERMORE THAT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS  
NOT YET COMMENTED ON DOCUMENT AND THAT DR. MANUEL CORAO IN  
PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY, TO WHOM COVERING LETTER OF MEMORANDUM  
OF UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN DIRECTED, IS NO LONGER AT THAT POST.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL FURTHERMORE COMMENTED THAT GOV  
IS HIGHLY INTERESTED IN MATTER AND THAT HE FEELS CERTAIN THAT  
PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES COULD BE IRONED OUT EASILY. HOWEVER, HE  
ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THIS UNDERTAKING TO  
VENEZUELA, FOREIGN MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO PROCEED  
IN VERY PROPER AND HIGH-LEVEL MANNER.

6. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DR. TIRADO'S SUGGESTIONS BE  
FOLLOWED BY NASA AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE.  
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